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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY OTTO REICH

SUBJECT: TFVE01: TASK FORCE FORMATION TO DEAL WITH THE
SITUATION IN VENEZUELA

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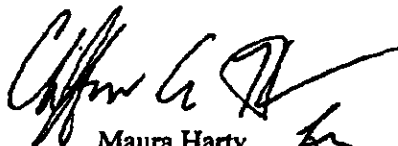
As Executive Secretary, I have directed that the Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs form a Task Force to coordinate all State Department activities to deal with the situation in Venezuela, effective 1600 EDT on Saturday, April 13, 2002.

All cables and other documents relating to this Task Force should include the following identifier as the first item on the subject line: TFVE01.

The Task Force will be located in Task Force Room Three. Task Force non-secure telephone numbers for internal Departmental business are: (202) 647-6530/6531/6532 and FAX: (202) 647-6779. Congressional, public and media inquiries should be directed to (202) 647-0900. The number (202) 647-0900 is the only number which should be given to the press or general public. Task Force secure telephone numbers are: STU-III (202) 647-8373; and STU III FAX (202) 647-0764. The internet email address for Task Force is 'TaskForce3@state.gov'. Department personnel may email the Task Force using the 'Task Force 3' collective email address found on both the classified and unclassified systems.

The Task Force Director will be Deputy Assistant Secretary Curt Struble of the Bureau of Western Hemisphere Affairs. Representatives from the following bureaus are participating in the Task Force:

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Executive Secretary

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